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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH TO
SECRETARY SHULTZ

REF: STATE 62019

THE EMBASSY RECEIVED TODAY THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH TO SECRETARY SHULTZ.

THERE FOLLOWS A FREE AND INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF THE LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER ON THE ARTICLE
24.6 NEGOTIATIONS.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO BRING
THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO A CONCLUSION.

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AS YOU KNOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY HAS

ADOPTED A CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE EFFORT TO REACH A FAIR
COMPROMISE. IT HAS ALSO FOLLOWED THIS LINE IN THE
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 1 AND 2.
THE REMAINING MEMBER COUNTRIES ALSO SUPPORT A PROMPT
CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE MUTUAL SATIS-
FACTION OF BOTH SIDES.
TOWARD THIS END THE COUNCIL EMPOWERED THE COMMISSION
ON APRIL 2, 1974 TO ESTABLISH IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE NEGOTIATORS OF YOUR COUNTRY THE PRECONDITIONS
WHICH WOULD PERMIT BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE
COMMUNITY TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS.
FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT
OF THE EC COUNCIL WILL ALSO SUBMIT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT
A REPORT ALONG THESE LINES.
I HOPE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO REACH A MUTUALLY
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION DURING THIS MONTH.
WITH BEST REGARDS,
HANS FRIDERICH
END TEXT

THE EMBASSY WILL POUCH THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER
TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR DELIVERY TO SECRETARY SHULTZ..
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